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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE MANAGERS OF

WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

WESTERN SHORE TREASURY,

Annapolis, January 20, 1842.

To the Honorable
The General Assembly of Maryland,

The Treasurer of the Western Shore, in obedience to the 2d section of the act of 1824, ch. 125, furnishes the following transcript, of the annual report of the Managers of the Washington Monument

And he has the honor to be,
Most respectfully,
Their obedient servant,
GEORGE MACCUBBIN,
Treasurer W. S. Md.

BALTIMORE, 6th December, 1842.

George Maccubbin, Esqr.
Treasurer of the Western Shore,

SIR:—

Not hearing from you previous to the termination of your fiscal year, as usual, I presumed you had no encourageing information to give the Managers of the Washington Monument with regard to the proceeds of the State Lotteries; believing it however to be my duty to ascertain the fact, I address this letter to you, to request information on the subject.

I avail myself of this occasion to add, that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer of the Washington Monument, the same unexpended balance reported the 23d December last of $6,625 11
To which add one years interest to 23d inst at 5 per cent 331 26

$6,956 37

Applicable to the completion of the Monument as soon as a sufficient sum in addition shall be received from you to authorise the managers to contract for the Trophies required at the four corners of the grand base.

It is much to be regretted that these decorations (being all that is wanted to complete the monument) cannot be commenced when an appropriation of 5000 dollars per annum for two years, would probably be sufficient, in addition to what is in hand, to finish the work, and enable the managers to deliver it up to the state with a release of perhaps $14,000 of the grant of $50,000 in lieu of their own lotteries. The financial condition of the State Treasury however, does not encourage them to hope for such an appropriation, desireable as it is, and the managers are compelled to wait the slow process of the State Lotteries for the means of fulfilling their duty to the state by the completion of the noble monument under their care.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
ROBERT GILMOR.

RULES AND ORDERS

FOR THE

REGULATION AND GOVERNMENT

OF THE

HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND,

AT DECEMBER SESSION, 1841.

RULES AND ORDERS.

TOUCHING THE DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER.

1st. The Speaker shall take the Chair every day precisely at the hour to which the house stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order, and, after Divine Service has been performed, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

2nd. He shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members; shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members; and his decision of any question shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required; and he may vote on every question except on an appeal from the decision of the Chair, on a question of order.

3rd. The Speaker shall examine and correct the journal before it is read. He shall have a general direction of the hall. He shall have a right to name, from time to time, any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment. He shall appoint all conferrees and committees, unless otherwise directed by the house; and may admit stenographers willing to take down the debates, and assign them such places on the floor, or elsewhere, to effect their object, as shall not interfere with the business or convenience of the House.

4th. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, the Speaker (or chairman of the committee of the whole House,) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

5th. No person shall be admitted within the bar of the house, but members of the Executive and Judiciary departments, members of the Senate, former members of the Legislature, and such other persons as may be invited by the Speaker.

shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any member require it.

22d. When a motion is made and seconded, or when a question is under debate, the matter shall receive a determination by the question, or it may be postponed by a motion to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a bill shall have precedence of a motion to amend, and if carried, shall be equivalent to its rejection, and when a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted on again during the session.

23d. The previous question shall be in this form; "shall the main question be now put?" It may be called for on any question except on an amendment or other matter, which cannot, in its nature, be postponed; and when demanded by a majority of the members present, it shall, until it is decided, preclude all further amendment and debate of the main question. On a previous question there shall be no debate.

24th. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by seven members who shall have divided on the question: and whenever the yeas and nays are ordered to be taken, no question of adjournment shall be received or propounded by the Speaker, until the yeas and nays are called, counted and reported.

25th. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends questions so distinct, that one being taken away, the rest may stand entire for the decision of the house; and when an amendment shall be proposed to an amendment, the question on the last amendment shall be taken first, and then divided if required, into as many parts as it will admit of distinct questions.

26th. A motion to strike out and insert, shall be deemed indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither amendment, nor a motion to strike out and insert. A motion to strike out and insert, together with the matter proposed to be inserted, shall be received, and the question on it taken as one entire motion, but any member may have the same divided, agreeably to the 25th rule.

No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

27th. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present; those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so *vice versa*, until a decision by the Speaker.

28th. When a question has once been decided in the affirmative or negative, a motion of reconsideration shall be in order, if made by one member, and seconded by two others who voted in the majority, within three days after the decision; and no motion for reconsideration shall be postponed or laid on the table.

29th. Petitions, memorials, and other papers, addressed to the house, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place; and the object of all petitions and memorials shall be endorsed on the back, and shall be entered on the journal.

30th. The unfinished business in which the house was engaged at the preceding adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the day; and no motion, or any other business shall be received, without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.

31st. Any fifteen members, (including the speaker, if there be one,) shall be authorised to compel the attendance of absent members.

32d. Every committee shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

33d. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

34th. On an election to any office of trust or profit, no ballot shall be counted, unless the person for whom it is given, be nominated to the house before the ballotting be commenced, except as may be otherwise provided for by the constitution.

35th. When a blank is not filled up and different sums, numbers, or times, shall be proposed, the question shall first be taken on the largest sum or number and on the latest time.

OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

36th. Every bill shall be introduced by motion for leave, by an order of the House, or on the report of a committee, and in either of the two cases first mentioned, a committee to prepare the same shall be appointed.

37th. Every bill may have its first reading by its title.

38th. Upon the first reading of every bill or resolution, the question of consideration shall be put: and if the House refuse to consider the bill, it shall not be printed and shall not be entitled to a second reading during the session: if no opposition be made, or if the question to consider be decided in the affirmative, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

39th. All bills of a private or local character and of a partial operation, received from the Senate, shall be referred to a select committee of three members, to be appointed by the Speaker, and

bills of a public or general character, received from the Senate, relating to subjects upon which committees have been appointed shall be referred, severally to the committee to which the same shall belong, respectively.

40th. Every bill or resolution, originating in this House, or received from the Senate, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of members, unless on very urgent occasions, the house, by a special order, two-thirds of the members present agreeing, dispense with this rule; which order shall be entered on the journal.

41st, No bill or resolution shall have a second reading until every member in the city shall be called upon to attend, (if required by three members,) except he be excused by the House for indisposition, or a necessary attendance on public business; but calls of the house shall be made, if required by seven members, on any other subject under the consideration of the House.

42d. All bills and resolutions, which have been once read and are entitled to a second reading by the rules of the House, shall be arranged every morning, agreeably to seniority, by the Clerk, placed on the Speaker's desk, taken up by him in just turn, and read a second time, although no motion for a second reading may have been made.

43d. The following standing committees, each to consist of seven members, shall be appointed by the speaker, at the commencement of the session, viz:

1. A Committee on Elections and Privileges;
2. A Committee on Ways and Means;
3. A Committee on Claims;
4. A Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice;
5. A Committee on Military Pensions and Revolutionary Claims;
6. A Committee on Internal Improvements;
7. A Committee on Education;
8. A Committee on the Militia;
9. A Committee on Insolvency;
10. A Committee on Divorces;
11. A Committee on Crimes and Punishments;
12. A Committee on Pensions to Indigent Persons by County Assessment;
13. A Committee on Agriculture;
14. A Committee on Manufactures;
15. A Committee on Inspections;
16. A Committee on Lotteries;
17. A Committee on Expiring Laws,
18. A Committee on the State Library;
19. A Committee on Engrossed Bills and Resolutions;

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

44th. There shall be a standing committee of the whole house, on the condition of the State, which may originate bills or resolutions; and may sit, when required by seven members.

45th. Every bill, resolution, report, order, or other matter, before its second reading in the house, shall, if required by five members, be committed to a committee of the whole house.

46th. In forming a committee of the whole house, the speaker shall leave his chair, and a chairman to preside in committee, shall be appointed by the speaker.

47th. Upon bills, resolutions, reports, orders, or other matters, committed to a committee of the whole house, the same shall be first read throughout by the clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the title and preamble to be last considered; the body of the bill, resolution, report, order, or other matter, shall not be defaced, or interlined; but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so report to the house; after report, the bill, resolution, report, order or other matter, shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses.

48th. The rules of proceeding in the house shall be observed in a committee of the whole house as far as they are applicable.

49th. No standing rule or order shall be rescinded or changed, without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor. Nor shall any rule be suspended, except by a vote of at least two thirds of the members present.

50th. Reports of committees, on subjects of a private or local nature, shall not in future, be entered *in extenso* on the journal; but the favorable or unfavorable character only, of such reports, shall be placed on the journal.

51st. The speaker shall at the commencement of every session, appoint a standing committee on corporations, whose duty it shall be to investigate all such bills for creating corporations as may be referred to them, and report if any and what inconvenience may result to the State from the passage of such bills.

52d. No motion to lie on the table shall be debateable.

ATTEST:

JOHN N. WATKINS, Clerk,
House of Delegates of Maryland.

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